

Washington - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez this week rose to the position of Chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law for the 110th Congress.

After already being the first Latina to serve on the House Judiciary Committee, this week she became the first woman to chair the Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law. This position had earlier been expected to be taken by more senior committee members.

“Serving as Chairwoman on a Judiciary subcommittee is a great honor and responsibility,” said Congresswoman Sánchez.

As Chairwoman, Sánchez will lead the subcommittee with jurisdiction on matters including bankruptcy and commercial law, interstate commerce and taxation, and some government contracting. The subcommittee also oversees government protections on the use of personal information.

Congresswoman Sánchez will continue to serve on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Border Security, and International Law.

“Every week we see new headlines about lapses in personal data security or wasteful government contracts,” said Congresswoman Sánchez. “My colleagues on the subcommittee and I understand that we have a lot of work to do to make our government more accountable and transparent.”

Congresswoman Sánchez recently received subcommittee assignments for her other two committees. She will serve on the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, which will lead efforts this year to improve high quality public schools by revising the No Child Left Behind Act. She will also work on the nation’s retirement security crisis through her work on the Education and Labor Subcommittee on Health, Labor, Employment and Pensions

Congresswoman Sánchez also began her first term on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. With a seat on the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, she will focus on rebuilding international relationships in Central and South America, a region that has seen a recent surge in anti-U.S. sentiment. She also sits on the Subcommittee on Europe, which is focused on restoring strong strategic relationships with allies across Europe.